



UNITED STATES  
CIVILIAN BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS

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May 20, 2019

CBCA 6423-TRAV

In the Matter of RICARDO J. TORRESOTERO

Ricardo J. Torresotero, Naguabo, PR, Claimant.

Anne M. Schmitt-Shoemaker, Deputy Director, Finance Center, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Millington, TN, appearing for Department of the Army.

**SOMERS**, Board Judge (Chair).

Claimant is a reservist who received orders placing him on active duty status for an operational support mission. The date for reporting on active duty is February 15, 2018, ending on May 15, 2018. Claimant also provided a travel voucher which seeks expenses that occurred during the period for active duty, specifically expenses for the month of April 2018. Based upon the materials submitted, we asked the parties to clarify whether Mr. Torresotero incurred these expenses while on active duty or while in civilian status. The agency confirmed that claimant incurred these expenses while in military status.

“Our jurisdiction as to relocation benefits is limited to claims involving expenses incurred by federal *civilian* employees.” *Peter A. Kosloski*, CBCA 2991-RELO, 12-2 BCA ¶ 35,169, at 172,566-67 (citing 31 U.S.C. § 3702(a)(3) (2012)). “Claims involving relocation benefits of uniformed service members are resolved by the Department of Defense’s Office of Hearings and Appeals.” *Id.* at 172,527 (citing 31 U.S.C. § 3702(a)(1)(A)).

Because claimant incurred the expenses while on military duty, we do not possess jurisdiction to resolve his claim. This claim is dismissed.

*Jeri Kaylene Somers*  
JERI KAYLENE SOMERS  
Board Judge